



Buena Vista Trails Advisory Board
August 4, 2009
Public Works Building

Present: Lois Walton, Roy Gertson, Keith Baker, Fran Rulon-Miller, Ed Eberle, Pat McCarthy, Sue Boyd, Kathy Hoerlein
Guests: Rachel Friedman – Town Engineer; Dick Scar – interest in trails

1. Lois called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
2. July 7, 2009 Minutes approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Updates:

1. Status of subdivisions with relation to trail development – Cottage Glen - Roy reported of preliminary plat approval and would make a site visit today for review.
2. Non-deeded property by Cottage Glen and Vessey easement – Sue reported that a title search is in progress and may need a resurvey.
3. River Park boulder area – Roy reported it is open for climbing. Signage, irrigation system and sod need to be completed for the BV Boulder Garden. The Optimists donated a \$10,000 match toward a GOCO mini-grant for a Rocks and Ropes course ages 5-12. It would be for 2010 if the grant is approved. The SWCC successfully built 400' of new trail for around \$5,000. Ed reported a very successful and well-received class with the kids from SWCC. They took water samples, did bug ID, used magnifiers and Bob conducted a fly fishing demo. Ken Knezic of TU also assisted. It was agreed that there is high interest for the SWCC next year as the program provides jobs and the work is valuable to the community. Public Works provided base material and compaction.
4. Web page – Ed reported the distortion and half the screen shown on our web site still exists.
5. Upgrade of Trails Plan map – Need to work with Bob
6. Alternate Trails Board member – Position remains open

7. Buena Vista POST – Lois reported that some members of LTUA opposed BVPOST becoming a 501(c)(3) chapter member. There was a concern regarding the mixing of funds. Sue suggested that a line item for donations could be established in the Town budget as a reserve fund for parks and trails. She recommended that the Trails Board recommend to the Town to create a reserve fund for trails and parks for donations. It would be earmarked money for Town trails and parks.
8. 2010 Town Budget requests- Sue reported that nothing had been xed out yet and there would be a meeting tomorrow about the budget process. She recommended that we pick one project of high interest and “shovel ready” (design work has been done), push for it and make a recommendation to the Trustees for a share of the Conservation Trust Fund. Some possibilities discussed were upgrading existing town trails, Crossman bike/ped lanes, DOW trail from DePaul to Steele Dr., C.Rd. 306 bike/ped lanes from Town limits westward. Before our next meeting members need to look at the county web site at the policy statement for the regional trail system. The web site is chaffeecounty.org. The link is on the home page. Rachel and Shannon will work on the State Trails grant for the bridge. The GOCO grant we didn't get last year was not a category match.
9. Trail Fest – August 8, 2009 – Fran reported that she will update information on the poster and include the past year's accomplishments. The Trailhead again offered to have the poster at their tent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Kathy received information that on Oct. 17-18 the VOC, in conjunction with BLM, would work on the Midland Hill Trail Restoration project. The plan is to have ArkVelo work on the first 50 yards from Midland to Broken Boyfriend trail turnoff **[Since then we have found out that the ArkVelo work will not be done this year and the work will actually be on the Broken Boyfriend trail.]**, and VOC will complete half this year and the rest next year. Local volunteers would be encouraged to sign up. Notices would go out the first part of Sept. More information at voc.org. It was discussed on how the Town and Trails Board could be notified ahead of time for preparation. Kathy will follow up with Sue and a contact person from VOC and BLM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next meeting: September 1, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at Public Works Building
Members need to review the county policy statement on the regional trail system.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Hoerlein